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IF THE PEOPLE

WANT STATEHOOD.

(Phoenix Republican.)

Arizona cannot get admitted into the Union under the Constitution framed by the late convention—the constitution which the people are to ratify or reject at the election of February 2.

If the people ratify the constitution, it will be peremptorily rejected at Washington.

It will be rejected because of its inclusion of the initiative and referendum under the "Oregon plan" of destroying the representative form of government; because of its inclusion of "the recall" in all its viciousness, and because of other features which democrats and republicans at Washington regard as objectionable.

This constitution rejected at Washington, that is the end of statehood for years to come.

The enemies of statehood are more than pleased that Arizona has foolishly played into their hands.

President Taft, Arizona's consistent friend, and our most powerful advocate of statehood, cannot conscientiously approve the constitution that has been framed.

The president hopes that we will yet enable him to do his duty by the country and at the same time help us into the Union, by our rejection of this constitution and the adoption of another constitution which he can approve.

This is the information brought home by Governor Richard E. Sloan, after conferring with the president and with the leaders of the republican and democratic parties in congress.

These are finally, and we may say officially, stated to the people of Arizona facts which we have for six months urged our Arizona readers to consider. The Republican is honest with its readers at all times.

It never intentionally misleads them. Before laying before its readers any information of grave importance, the paper endeavors to be sure of its facts. And once sure, it insists upon telling the truth, regardless of any temporary unpopularity of the truth.

Had this paper desired merely to be "on the popular side," it would have rushed to the front with other newspapers last summer and urged the voters to adopt the "isms." But we had positive information personally from a member of the president's cabinet that the president would not approve our constitution if it projected the "Oregon plan" into our state government. Therefore, while believing the "Oregon plan" fundamentally wrong, we laid stress upon the fact that to make it a feature of our constitution would surely defeat statehood. Sooner than we expected, the position taken by this paper has been vindicated.

The achievement of statehood for Arizona, under a constitution recommended at Washington and by the people of the east, would be of such immeasurable value that in our judgment nothing else so beneficial to the welfare of our people could be suggested. Capital and immigration would flow into the state in a steadily increasing volume, whereas the very remote danger of our admission under the constitution proposed has practically dried up the stream of flowing capital and practically stopped immigration.

The question is squarely up to the people of the territory. Do they want statehood? If they do, they will vote down the proposed constitution on February 2.

Fortunately, this is a time for cool reflection—no party issues are involved—and we believe the people will reflect coolly and will disregard the frenzied advice of demagogues and the bogus frenzy of demagogic newspapers.

TEXAS VIEW OF RECALL.

(From El Paso Times (Dem).)

No people can afford to bring the same into the mine with dirty and questionable politics.

It is equally true that for corruption it is an impressive fact that the further removed from the hustings the judiciary may be, the higher and purer the type of justice which is dealt out by the courts.

It is equally true that for corruption and injustice, we naturally search among the courts that are the stock in trade of politicians, with which politicians have a pull and which they do not exercise for any benefit of justice, but for the unkindlyments of the law and invariably, in its last analysis, for political profit.

Every development, every step of progress renders the more imperative a free and incorruptible judiciary.

The increase in value of the already valuable, the bringing in value of property which heretofore has had no value, the enhancement and value of real estate, water powers, every description of property, renders more important than ever the clear, and distinct definition of means and means and the highest integrity of those upon whose decision value and ownership must rest, to say nothing of the larger question of personal liberty and right.

It has been an encouraging sign of a higher and better citizenship and a more stable and enduring government to view the tendency of the times to remove the judiciary from the contamination of politics, but the action of the writers of the Arizona Constitution have evidently gone back to Tammany's palmiest days for her models and for fear that they had not gone far enough to secure and avert corruption have gone a bowshot further and adopted the expedient of turning the courts over to the mob.

By extending the recall to include the judiciary the writers of the latest Constitution have spoiled the judiciary system, none too good at best. Selected by the people themselves under the loosest and most lax restrictions, it is made the puppet of the mob, and it requires no vision to estimate the amount of stern justice that the people might expect from a court that trembles constantly at the sound of the clamor of the mob.

Under circumstances such as these and surrounded by such a spirit, an incorrupt court would in the nature of things become corrupt.

The shame of it is, that such a provision should have been framed in an organic law by a body claiming to be overwhelmingly Democratic. One there was, a delegate from Coconino, who refused to perpetrate such a crime against justice by signing the Constitution.

That Arizona should be admitted to the union of states with such a provision in her Constitution would be impossible—either because the people themselves of Congress or the President, will cut it out. IT IS TO BE HOPED THAT THE PEOPLE OF ARIZONA WILL ESTABLISH THEIR FITNESS FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT BY REFUSING TO AFFIRM IT, and thus wipe out the un-

BROTHER OF LATE LA GRACIA MINE
M. J. HICKEY IS
KILLED
TO INCREASE
FORCE

(From Tuesday's Daily)

The following report of the death of Hugh Hickey, brother of the late M. J. Hickey of this city appears in the Daily News of MeKeesport, Pennsylvania of date December 10th.

Trampled by a team of horses that he unknowingly walked in front of because they were obscured from his view by the escaping steam of an engine standing close by, Hugh Hickey, aged 55 years, of 1108 Union avenue, sustained fatal injuries about 5:30 o'clock last evening at the Fifth avenue crossing of the B. & O. railroad.

Within a few minutes after the accident he was taken to the city hospital. He died ten minutes after he reached there.

Mr. Hickey, who for some time has been an employee of the National Tube company and one of the best known men of the city, was returning from his day's labor when he was injured.

Two passenger trains, going in opposite directions, are due at the local depot about 5:30 o'clock and it is generally necessary for one of them to stop before the crossing is reached and wait until the other train has discharged and taken on passengers.

It was this conditions of affairs that caused Mr. Hickey's death. When he neared the crossing he found one of the trains at the depot, while on the other side of the crossing there awaited another. The gates, which had been lowered, were raised to allow two street cars and vehicles to pass.

On account of the steam escaping from one of the engines, Mr. Hickey did not notice that he was walking in front of a team of horses that were frightened and prancing about.

He was knocked to the street and trampled, while several persons stood horror-stricken. David Kelley, who was in charge of the team, and who is a driver for Hunter & Edmundson, was unable to stop the animals until the carriage wheels had also passed over Mr. Hickey's body.

Officer John Rader, who is on duty at the B. & O. depot, hurried to the injured man's assistance. Mr. Hickey was able to walk a few steps to the office of Volk's hotel. He did not complain of being badly hurt, but the ambulance was summoned. In the meantime, Officer Rader was unable to locate a physician to give the injured man temporary attention.

Mr. Hickey died ten minutes after he had reached the hospital. He had been crushed about the chest and his head was badly injured.

The body was later removed to Striffler's undertaking rooms.

A strange coincidence has developed as a result of the accident. The carriage to which the horses were attached was returning from the funeral of William Evans, who died at his Indiana home on Wednesday. Mr. Hickey and Mr. Evans had been lifelong friends.

Hugh Hickey was one of the "Old Guard" of tube workers, coming to this city with J. H. Flieger from Boston when the tube mill was started here. He has been an employee of the company for 40 years and within a few years would have been one to get a pension. He was a faithful worker, a good Christian and a well known and respected citizen. He was an old member of the C. M. B. A., a beneficial society, and also of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. He was a man who loved to be with his family and he spent as much time as possible with his wife and children. His widow and four children survive. John P. Hickey, the popular chief clerk in the city treasurer's office, is a son. Three other children survive, Mary C., Helen and Anastasia, all at the family residence, 1108 Union avenue.

Funeral services will be held next Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock at St. Peter's church.

TO DISCUSS CONSTITUTION.

SANTA FE, N. M., Dec. 19.—Democratic leaders of New Mexico met in delegate convention here today to define the party's attitude toward endorsing the proposed State Constitution.

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favorable impression of their capacity for government such a specimen of legislative dementia, as this, so full of nonsense to the interests and rights of the people.

(From Tuesday's Daily)

Beginning on the first day of the new year the La Gracia Mining company will increase its mining force to two shifts, and the beginning of ore shipments to the Humboldt smelter will also be inaugurated and continued steadily. The development has progressed satisfactorily to warrant extensive operations, a heavy tonnage being now on the dumps. The assorting of the cobalt ores from the copper is going on for this purpose. The first named mineral will later be treated at the works by a small concentrating plant that will be introduced in the near future, which is to be an experimental appliance and from the mineralogical character of the product is said to be a feasible method. A force is now on the Red Bluff mine of the group taking out copper ores, for shipment, this portion of the property carrying a distinctive mineral and some distance away from the zone where the cobalt values exist.

The general situation at the above camp is one of activity and the ground is assuming an attractive regard among mining men. Major T. C. Jordan, a member of the executive board, reached the city yesterday, en route to Tempe on company business, after a residence of two months at the camp. He is accompanied south by M. Morrison, one of the stockholders and the original locator of the property.

BIG PRODUCTION

OF TWO GOLD MINES

KINGMAN, Ariz., Dec. 14.—Two shipments of gold bullion received here today from the Gold Road and Tom Reed mines in the San Francisco District complete a production of \$125,000 for the past month, the biggest in the history of the county. One bar valued at \$19,000 was brought in from the Gold Road mine, making a record production for the month of a little over \$60,000, while the Tom Reed, whose steady output during the past two years with a ten stamp mill, has attracted unusual attention, sent in two bars worth about \$85,500. This represents a month's run and sets a new mark for the Tom Reed, and one probably never equaled by a mill of similar capacity. Both the Gold Road and Tom Reed mines have several years supply of ore in reserve and the new development work is proving larger and richer hereafter than ever.

On the Ruta property in the Silver Creek district actual work has been begun on the mill and cyanide plant, a contract for which was awarded to the Young Construction Co. of Los Angeles several weeks ago. The old Batten mill and buildings of the Ruta Co. on the Colorado River have been put into shape for moving up to the Ruta and hauling will be started in a few days. Grading for the mill site on the Ruta is now in progress, while material for a transmission line to connect with the local power company's line at Gold Road is on the ground and will be put up at once. A contract has been awarded to re-timber the old shaft, which will be sunk several hundred feet deeper. Drifting and stoping will be resumed as soon as air compressors and power line are installed.

CERBAT

In the Cerbat Range an important transfer of property was effected several days ago when S. A. Giles of Colorado Springs bonded the Onaida group of mines, owned by Gaddis & Perry of Kingman, the Iron King group, owned by Studley and Swope, and the J. F. T. group, owned by A. H. Smith & Co. These prospects are on Stockton Hill, adjoining the Banner and other mines, now being worked by the Needles Mining Co. and are considered valuable.

Giles, who has operated in Colorado many years, is making preparations to prospect the different properties by means of shafts and also a diamond drill.

A good body of ore has been cut on the 436 foot level of the Banner mine, which already has a proven ore shoot over 200 feet long. The Banner is shipping a car of ore daily to the Needles concentrator.

The Philadelphia Nationals are figuring on playing Sunday baseball in Atlantic City next year.

DARING FUGITIVES
ARE LODGED IN JAIL

(From Tuesday's Daily)

Ending a relentless search of nearly two years, C. M. Meyers, alias Roy J. Smith, alias R. J. Meyers, wanted in this city for forgery, is now facing Sheriff J. W. Smith in Abbeville, La., resorting to habeas corpus and other legal technicalities in an effort to defeat his extradition. Meyers is accused of forging checks in the total amount of \$190.90 on Gus Lambert, then superintendent of the Black Mountain Copper company, and W. M. Hiele of this city, January 16, 1909.

Since escaping from this city Meyers is alleged to have visited Australia and many of the Western states, before going to Louisiana, and to have taken unto himself a wife, who is said to be living at 1621 Felicite street, New Orleans. Meyers was first seen there last June and recognized by an officer from a description furnished by Sheriff Smith of this county. He was not arrested at the time and escaped from the city, to be later found at Abbeville, where he was taken into custody last week. Sheriff Smith left here after being advised of the arrest, with extradition papers. He arrived in Abbeville, Sunday, and was informed by the prisoner that he refused to return to Arizona to answer to the charges against him, and had instituted legal proceedings for his release from custody.

Meyers served a term in Folsom prison for forgery. He was sent

there from Sacramento, Cal., in 1900, for a term of six years. After his release he left for the Northwest, and after a short stay came to this city. He sought employment in a local shop and later secured a position with the Consolidated Arizona Smelting company at Humboldt. He is an electrician by occupation and besides is a daring chauffeur and motorist. He will be remembered by many as having broken all motorcycle records between this city and Humboldt while employed in the latter place early in 1908.

Almost coincident with the arrest of Meyers in Louisiana was the discovery of Robert L. Townsley, wanted in this county on a grand larceny charge, in the county jail of San Bernardino, Cal. Townsley is accused of killing a steer belonging to J. W. Sullivan, near Seligman, November 14th, 1910. Valley River, alleged to be implicated with Townsley, was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Joe Young, December 7th, when it was learned that Townsley had left the Territory. Townsley was traced through several counties in California, and a few days ago recognized by the sheriff of San Bernardino county on a description sent out by the local sheriff's office. His sentence will expire January 31st, when he will be released and given into the custody of Sheriff Smith. He has not stated whether he will contest his extradition to this Territory when his present term expires.

FATAL EXPLOSION
TARS HEART OF
MANHATTAN

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power house, until it formed an explosive mixture in combination with the air. No trace of other explosives was found at the point. When the leakage was discovered there had escaped from the broken main 1,520,000 cubic feet, a large quantity of which became condensed under the floors through the power house.

Albert Seagratt, foreman of the train which rammed the bumper and broke the gas main, was held by the coroner on a technical charge of homicide. He said he smelled gas after the collision, and notified the yardmaster.

Workmen are digging in the ruins all night, looking for the four missing workmen. Seagratt was released on parole at the instance of District Attorney Whitman, who said there was no evidence to warrant his being held.

PROLIFIC CABBAGE CROP.

W. L. Roberts was an arrival yesterday from Skull Valley, and reports that community as enjoying the most prosperous times in many years, the general yield exceeding that of any former season. At present the cabbage crop is being gathered, and shipments are heavy. It is estimated that two tons a week are leaving the valley, which in quality is pronounced unsurpassed, and meets with ready sale.

REMODELING PLANT.

During the coming week, the Prescott Gas and Electric company will begin the dismantling of the wooden portion of the plant in Northwest Prescott, with the intention of improving the appearance of the property, and to make needed changes in the general arrangements of the interior. The management contemplates making many changes and to add to the attractiveness of the exterior of the premises.

TRAFFIC DELAYED.

Traffic was delayed on the S. F. P. & P. yesterday, due to a wreck of the water train yesterday morning at 1:30 o'clock, at Valley Sliding. Eight cars left the track, three turning over, and tearing up the track a distance of 300 feet. Fortunately, no one was injured.

The wreck was cleared yesterday and traffic was running on schedule time last night.

FINISHED CONTRACT.

(From Tuesday's Daily)

E. E. Hill, concrete contractor and designer, arrived last night from Humboldt, finishing the Schwaback building a few days ago. He will start the Kellogg and George block immediately. The Schwaback house is reinforced, of 20x60 feet, fire-proof, and said to be the finest of its kind in the country. The Kellogg & George place will be 25x80 feet, with metal ceiling, and will be used as a butcher shop, and have a cold storage addition. Other buildings are to be erected of this substantial material in a short time, and as a precautionary movement against fire, several merchants are considering the advisability of substituting concrete for insecure wooden structures in the future, appreciating what has been experienced in the past few months from heavy fire losses without insurance.

ON THE MAP TO STAY.

(From Tuesday's Daily)

B. B. Dolly, with the Consolidated Arizona Smelting company, in the clerical department, arrived in the city yesterday, on business, and will return to his duties today. He states that the permanency of the Smelter City is assured, and the heavy output of the plant is a favorable criterion. Commercially, the atmosphere is healthy in all lines of business. Twelve new buildings are under construction, while it is reported that A. J. Head of Prescott is favorably inclined toward erecting another, large brick block, which will make the third one he will own there. A steady stream of ore is coming daily to the smelter, and many transient people are also attracted to the place.

LIVELY LAND INTEREST.

(From Sunday's Daily)

A. S. Haskell of the Verde Valley, while in the city yesterday, stated that during the past few months there has been evident considerable interest in land transactions in that locality, and many sales had taken place. Investors were being attracted from the publicity given by the recent Territorial Fair of the products and the possibilities of the country are better appreciated than ever before. From one end to the other of the valley the situation is gratifying and the coming year promises to be a prosperous one to all interested.

DELAYED BY QUARANTINE.

(From Tuesday's Daily)

Letters received from Phoenix during the last few days state that J. B. Girard, Territorial engineer, will be unable to reach this city for several days to make an official examination of the Territorial highway, owing to sickness in his family. His son is suffering with diphtheria, and his wife he is under quarantine in his home.